

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 23-30 and 45-50 are now pending in the application. In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2007, Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination. Independent claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10-12, 23 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Desie in view of Kaukeinen. These claims particularly claim the invention for an toning station that includes both a roller and a rotating magnetic core as referenced throughout the detailed description and further supported in detail in the incorporated, references U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,473,029 and 4,546,060 as well as co-pending U.S. Publication No. 2005/0202164 based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/551464, titled "Powder Coating Apparatus and Method of Powder Coating Using an Electromagnetic Brush," filed on March 9, 2004, which is commonly assigned, and was incorporated by reference.

As discussed before, Desie teaches away from the present invention as summarized in column 6, lines 29-44, which states in part that “ the developer was controlled in a central conditioning unit...” This is in addition to the fact that Dessie uses a stationary magnetic core and the present invention is for the rotating magnetic core that is well described in the incorporated, specifically references 4,473,029 and 4,546,060 as well as co-pending U.S. Publication number 2005/0202164 based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/551464, titled "Powder Coating Apparatus and Method of Powder Coating Using an Electromagnetic Brush," filed on March 9, 2004, which is commonly assigned, and which was incorporated by reference.

The Applicants repeat the arguments presented with respect to the independent claims for the dependent claims, and respectfully request that the rejection of these claims on this basis and, in view of the amendments made to the independent claims and their dependent claims.

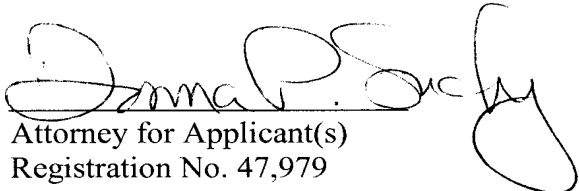
Similarly Kaukeinen, which the Examiner states discloses using a rotating magnetic core as described in the present invention, teaches away from the present invention as summarized in the constitution provided and consistent with what the Applicants know about the method of printing described in Kaukeinen, lines 12-15, which states in part that “The scavenging of the 1st toner image is prevented by completely separating the sleeve 106 from the image constituting body so that the developer of the maximum value may not contact with the image constituting body in a toning process.” Kaukeinen, is different from our rotating

magnetic magnet or "teaches away" (i.e. would not work) from our invention. Kaukeinen, due to the spacing of the developer from the photoconductor, does not develop fine lines and halftone dots even with the AC bias. This technique does not work as the present invention as one skilled in the art would understand.

It is critical to develop fine lines and halftone dots and in order to develop the fine lines and dots to meet current image quality expectations, it is necessary to use the setpoints while the magnetic brush is in contact with one of a receiver, such as the photoconductor and a substrate as well as the previous image, described on the amended page 10 of the present application. When the magnetic brush is **in contact** with the photoconductor and the previous image then the previous image is not disrupted as would be the case with Kaukeinen if it were used instead of the present invention. Thus Kaukeinen teaches away from the present invention, since in Kaukeinen, in order to develop a high-density image free from sac ravaging, the development must be done only when the developer is not in contact with the previous image which is not the case for the present invention. Kaukeinen, alone, or in conjunction with any of the cited art does not make the present application "obvious". This is in conjunction with Desie, which uses a stationary magnetic core, does not teach the present invention which is for the rotating magnetic core that directly deposits toner on the core.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 23-30 and 45-50 are allowable in their present form, and hereby request such allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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Encl.: 12 sheets of Replacement Drawings; FIGS. 1-11 plus new Figure 1a

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